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From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Smokejumper Review - Review of Recommendations

On February 2, 2000, a committee met to go over the recommendations submitted to me in the 1999 Smokejumper Review. This committee consisted of Lee Englesby, Kevin Hull, John Glenn, Sean Cross and Dalan Romero.

Their approach was to identify items from the report which were already being accomplished, possible to accomplish, not doable at this time and issues which should be looked at to be incorporated into all of the fire programs, i.e.: hotshots, engine crews, helitack, etc. The following addresses accepted recommendations found in the review.

Issue one recommendations:

1. Review and create a single smokejumper program mission statement with amendments for local base issues.
2. BLM smokejumpers should provide assistance in the fuels management program. (applies to all programs)
3. National Office should continue to provide 2823 funding for the use of smokejumpers. (applies to all programs)
4. The Director of Fire and Aviation and the state directors should determine the most effective and efficient way to organize and use resources to meet fuels management objectives.
5. Guidance exists to provide training in all fire types.

Issue two recommendations:

1. Policy exists on required experience and background to perform fuels management duties. (applies to all programs)
2. A draft for qualifications required to develop and write burn plans has been completed.
3. Based on Bureau needs, managers should determine how many resources will be required for burn plan preparation documentation, and provide adequate training.

Issue three recommendations:

1. Policy exists for all programs to achieve a diversified workforce. Where possible coordination between programs is encouraged.
2. Issues regarding length of employment are being addressed separate from this review.

Other findings and information valuable to all of the various fire programs will be forwarded to Ron Dunton for further use. Ron intends to have a separate group look at opportunities to apply these recommendations in other Bureau fire programs.

Questions and comments may be referred to Lee Englesby, NIFC Director, at (208) 387-5060.

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